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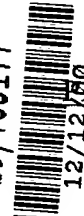
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

☐ a patent application☒ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)

of prior application no.: 09/299,403; filed April 26, 1999

☐ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

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Entitled: **TOBACCO PROCESSING**

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 20 pages of Specification (including 13 claims)
3. ☐ 0 sheets of Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
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 - b. ☒ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☒ Assignment papers **Filed In Parent Application**
8. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
11. ☐ English Translation Document
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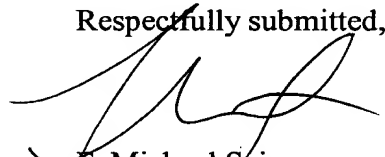
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Respectfully submitted,

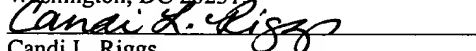

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